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EXAMINING GROUP 3676

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James D. Spurgeon

Serial No.: 09/732,391

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated July 17, 2002. The three (3) month period for responding to the Office Action expired on October 17, 2002. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one (1) month, to November 17, 2002. The \$55.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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